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FOR CLEAVING RNA

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the preliminary amendment mailed February 20, 2002, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 155-164.

155. (New) A method of modifying a target RNA comprising contacting said target RNA with a compound comprising at least four consecutive 2'-hydroxyl ribonucleotides and at least one modified nucleoside and wherein said modified nucleoside comprises a morpholino nucleoside.

156. (New) A method of modifying a target RNA comprising contacting said target RNA with a double-stranded compound having first and second strands and wherein at least one of said first and said second strands includes a portion having four consecutive 2'-hydroxy